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Honorable William J. Hughes
Chairman
Subcommittee on Crime
Committee on the Judiciary
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Before adjourning for the congressional elections, the Senate completed action on S. 2552, which provides federal criminal penalties for violent attacks on U.S. intelligence personnel performing official duties, aliens admitted to permanent residence in the United States under the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949 because of their special contributions to the security of the United States, and foreign visitors temporarily in the United States under Intelligence Community auspices in support of U.S. intelligence objectives. This measure, and its House companion, H.R. 4940, currently are pending in the Subcommittee on Crime.

The physical safety of our intelligence personnel is essential to effective performance of the Intelligence Community's unique functions, upon which the security of the nation depends. Under S. 2552 the federal government can bring its existing law enforcement capabilities to bear on crimes of violence which interfere with the mission of the Intelligence Community.

We are very grateful for the Subcommittee's decision to hold a hearing on the legislation on 1 December. Expeditious handling of this important measure by the Subcommittee on Crime to permit its final enactment in the remaining days of the 97th Congress would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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